Recovery of amount due from STC

374. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1163 given in Rajya Sabha on 5th March 1992 and state:

(a) Since when the amounts due from STC are lying unrecovered;

(b) whether interest would also be charged on these amounts;

(c) what are the reasons for which over payments were made to HAL and IDPL and the amounts recoverable from them were left un-covered; and

(d) by when the liabilities of HAL and IDPL would be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) The details are being collected and will be laid on the table of the House, as soon as possible.

Details of interim stay granted to M/s. Careys by Calcutta High Court

375. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1178 given in Rajya Sabha on the 5th March, 1992 and state:

(a) what are the details of the interim stay granted by the Calcutta High Court to M/s Carews in the case of Combiflam and when was such a stay granted;

(b) whether M/s. Carews have furnished complete details to Government and so, upto what period and if not upto what period the details are yet to be submitted;

(c) whether Government have identified the real company which floated this tax company in violation of all laws of the land to siphon off the funds;

(d) whether in additin to overcharging the matters would also be investigated under FERA and other laws; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) In December, 1991, M/s. Carews Pharmaceuticals obtained an interim stay from the Calcutta High Court against recovery of over-charged amount on Combiflam tablets.

(b) The company is yet to furnish the details for the period from 1-1-1989 till the date of implementation of the Government price by them.

(c) to (e) The Department of Company Affairs, to whom the matter was referred to for investigation, is yet to take a final view in the matter. Further course of action will depend on the report of the Depatment of Company Affairs.

Omissions and Commissions detected in the findings of the Special Team

376. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1166 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th March, 1992 and state:

(a) on what ground a member of the Special Team was repatriated to his Department and who were the other members of the Special team;

(b) what are the omissions and commissions detected in the findings of the Special Team over the last two years after review;

(c) whether these omissions and commissions are not enough to fix the responsibility of the members of the Special Team;

(d) whether it is a fact that the issue is being side tracked as the concerned bureaucrats are themselves involved in the embezzlements; and

(e) what is the decision of Government on these embezzlement, omissions and commissions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) A member of the Special Team has been repatriated to his parent Department pursuant to some complaints received by the Government regarding his conduct.

(b) to (e) On receipt of complaints almade by the Special Team, it was decided, leging irregularities in the computations in 1989, to review all their recommendations and the events thereafter. Accordingly revised tentative calculations have since been made in a number of cases and communicated to the concerned companies. For the remaining, the revised calculations will be made soon after receipt of complete details which have already been asked for. While reassessing the liabilities have been computed strictly in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1979/1987 and the judgements of the Courts.

The question of taking action against the members of the team and fixing responsibility would arise only after the liabilities of the companies are finally determined.

Availability of medicines at reasonable prices

377. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the medicines for which Government have been able to arrange adequate supply at reasonable prices during the last one year;

(b) whether it is a fact that prices of all the medicines have been increased during the last one year and Government have been misled on this issue:

(c) whether in those cases where reduction was due or fabulous increase was not due, unjustified increases have been given;

(d) whether Government are imposing unjustified costs on the consumers due to manipulations in the guise of following the norms; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) There have been no shortages in supply of medicines except a few isolated cases of branded products in specific regions for which equivalent therepeutics were usually available. The prices of controlled medicines are fixed/revised as per the provisions of the DPCO, 1987 1987 after careful scrutiny. This ensures that the price increases approved by the Government are actually related to the input costs. Certain amount of increase is inavitable in a situation of rising cost of inputs if continuous supply has to be ensured. The recent exchange rate adjustment has, however, led to relatively more increase in the prices of mericines having larger proportion of imported inputs.

(c) and (d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Overcharging of price under DPCO 1987

378 SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that in case of overcharging of price under DPCO, 1987 the concerned manufacturers are required to pay the amount overcharged to Government:

(b) the number of cases of overcharging detected under DPCO, 1987 so far and what is the overcharged amount assessed each case and what are the details of the in each case; and

(c) what is the amount recovered i cases where even the overcharged amoun has not been assessed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FEI TILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN (a) to (c) The details to the exte